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**Arrivals.**  
Dec. 6, *Edith Banfield*, Brit. barque, 390, Mitchell, Newcastle, N.S.W., Oct. 25, 608 tons Coal.—*Alvina Kaimosi* & Co.  
Dec. 7, *Latona*, Brit. barque, 236, Williams, Newcastle, N.S.W., Oct. 10, 403 tons Coal.—*ARNOLD KARBURG* & Co.  
Dec. 7, *Red Deer*, Brit. ship, 634, Spence, London, June 27, General.—*GLIMAN* & Co.

**Departures.**  
Dec. 6, *Gunga*, for Shanghai.  
6, *Kiang Tung*, for East Coast.  
6, *Latona*, for Manila.  
6, *Marion*, for Yokohama.  
6, *Kaiti*, for Manila.  
6, *Madura*, for Ningpo.  
6, *Packet*, for Singapore.  
6, *Japan*, for Saigon.  
6, H.B.M.S. *Perseus*, for North.

**Shipping Reports.**  
The British barque *Edith Banfield*, from Newcastle, N.S.W., reports fine weather up to Formosa Channel; crossed the Equator on 10th Nov. in long. 160.28 E.; from Formosa had strong N.E. monsoon till arrival in port. 42 days out.

The British barque *Latona*, from Newcastle, N.S.W., reports fine weather and light winds; crossed the Equator on 6th Nov. in long. 166.30 E.; thence had light variable winds until lat. 17° N., then N.E. monsoon till arrival in Hongkong, on 7th Dec. 57 days out. On 18th Oct., spoke the N.G. schooner *From*, from Sydney bound to Foochow, 8 days out.

The British ship *Red Deer*, from London, reports fine weather; crossed the Equator on 31st July, in long. 23.30 W.; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 31st Aug., in lat. 39° S.; made St. Paul's Island on 19th Sept., and coast of Sumatra on 9th Oct.; passed Anjer on 12th Oct., and came to Paramara passage on 19th Oct. Up China sea had fine weather, light air and calms until lat. 14° N., then strong gales from N.W. to E.N.E. and heavy cross sea, which lasted for 3 days. During first gale was obliged to bend all best topsails and courses, Hongkong dist. about 340 miles, lost all sails. On Dec. 4, had strong gales from N. by E. to N.E. and heavy cross sea, which moderated on 6th inst., then had wind from E.N.E. till arrival in Hongkong, on 7th Dec. 162 days out. Captain Fordyce died on 22d Oct., 1868.

**New Advertisements.**  
**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
**LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.** have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **TUESDAY**, the 8th December, 1868, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Godown No. 54 of Messrs MELCHERS & Co., Wanchi—  
(For account of the concerned.)  
Ex "*Martha*."  
530 bags SUGAR.  
All more or less damaged by sea water.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. dec8

**SEALED TENDERS** (in Duplicate) marked "Tenders for Bills" will be received at this Office until Noon on FRIDAY, the 11th inst., for Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or on the Governor General of India in Council, Calcutta, both at 30 days' sight, in exchange for current Dollars of Hongkong at 7.1.7, or number one clean Mexican Dollars counted.  
Bills on London will not be drawn for sums under £1,000, and on Calcutta under Rupees 10,000.  
The accepted Tenders will be at once notified to the respective parties by letter, requesting them to lodge the amount to the credit of the Commissariat Account at the Oriental Bank Corporation, where a receipt will be given, on production of which at this office the Bills will be issued.  
In order to save time, it is requested that the bills required may be detailed in the margin of the Tender, and it is particularly requested that the Tenders may be in duplicate.  
**REDMOND, UNIAKKE,**  
Dep. Commis. Gen.  
Controller's Office, Commissariat,  
Hongkong, December 8, 1868. dec11

**STORAGE.**  
THE Undersigned are prepared to receive Piece GOODS on STOWAGE in their "First Class" Granite Godowns.  
**E. MACGREGOR & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 24, 1868. 11

**New Advertisements.**  
**HONGKONG AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY, 1867-68.**  
THE Committee have the pleasure to announce that an *Extra Performance* will be given at the LORISTON THEATRE, on **Thursday Evening**, the 10th inst., when will be performed the Farce, "**THE HILLYARD**."  
And the Burlesque, "**TELL WITH A VENGEANCE**."  
Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance commences at 8 o'clock.  
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., where a plan of the Theatre may be seen.  
PRICES.—Boxes, \$18; Stalls, \$3.  
**H. HARRINGTON NELSON,**  
Hon. Sec.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1868. dec10

**LOTTERY.**  
TWO DRAWING-ROOM SELF-ACTING ORGANS. THE above are very fine instruments, and an Ornament to a Drawing-Room. 100 chances at \$5 each. They are on view on the premises, 38 and 40, Wellington street, up to the date of drawing—24th December, 1868, at 1 o'clock p.m., providing the lottery be filled up.  
First prize, large Organ; second, small one.  
**F. DA CUNHA & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868.

**STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.**  
HE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. "**FORAMOSA**," will have quick despatch for the above ports.  
**W. MACAULAY,**  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NO Further applications from Hongkong, or Macao, for shares in the above Office will be received after the 15th inst.  
**JARDINE, M. THESON & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1868. dec15

**HONGKONG HOTEL.**  
THIS HOTEL will be conducted under a new arrangement commencing on the 1st of December. The Charges for Board will remain as follow—  
Board, \$45 a month. Tiffin only, \$15 a month. Dinners only, \$30 a month. One Breakfast or one Tiffin, 80 cents. One Dinner, \$1.25.  
There is an excellent assortment of wines for sale at moderate prices.  
The Charges for Lodging will be very considerably reduced. Rooms are offered to monthly lodgers at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, or \$45, a month.  
Occasional Visitors are charged \$4 a day for their Rooms with or without board.  
There is an ample supply of Bathrooms, and Gas is laid on throughout the house.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868. 11

**HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE.**  
ALL Orders for Goods Supplied to or work done for the Hotel must be signed by the Secretary of the Company. The Company will not undertake to pay for any Goods Supplied without such Order.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**C. LANGDON DAVIES,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868. dec29

**HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE Undersigned having PURCHASED the Interest of the "**WANCHI STEAM BAKERY**," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Shih Masters that he is prepared to furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD in various forms, to any part of the Colony.  
Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at low rates constantly on hand or baked in quantities at short notice.  
Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.  
Also Corn and Rye MEAL, HOMINY, CORN STARCH, BICARB, SODA, Sale, rations and Cream TARTAR.  
FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound.  
CAKE of all kinds baked to order.  
The above is under the Superintendence of Mr JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at Messrs MACGREGOR & Co.'s will receive prompt attention.  
**L. P. WARD.**  
Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

**New Advertisements.**  
**EASTLACK & WINN,**  
Surgeon Dentists,  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.  
**Auctions.**  
**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
**FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY, &c.**  
**DAY & Co.** will sell by Public Auction, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 3rd inst., at 2 o'clock, the following—  
An Invoice of fancy painted Vases, Lustres, Bronze Statuettes, Albums, Opera Glasses, Musical Boxes, Watch Stands, Gilt Alabaster and Marble Clocks with alarms, Bell Alarms, &c., &c.  
An assortment of mechanical Toys, Wax Dolls, Glass Marbles, Slate Pencils, &c., &c.  
An Invoice of Essences, Lavender Water, Eau-de-Cologne, in handsome out glass Bottles, &c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1868. dec7

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
**BOWRA & Co.** will sell by Public Auction, on **THURSDAY**, the 10th Dec., 1868, at 4 p.m.,—  
On Parade Ground; (kindly placed at their disposal by the Commandant of the Garrison).  
No. 1.—The Race Horse *Marquis*, winner of several races here and at Shanghai.  
2.—A Bay Australian Gelding, a good hack.  
3.—2 Bay Mares, fast in Harness (stud bred).  
4.—A Half-bred Arab Pony, quiet to ride or drive in Harness.  
5.—A North-China Pony, quiet under Saddle and in Harness.  
6.—A Manila Pony with Trap and Harness complete.  
7.—A Roan Canton Pony and Trap complete.  
8.—A Cream-colored Pony and Trap complete.  
9.—A Grey Canton Pony, quiet in Saddle or Harness.  
Several suits of Horse-clothing complete, Rollers, Kneecaps, Saving Boots, &c., &c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots with all faults and errors of description whatsoever at purchaser's risk upon fall of hammer.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. dec10

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
**GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.**  
**LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.** will sell by Public Auction, on **TUESDAY**, the 8th Dec., at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road Central,—  
An Invoice of Shoe and Cloth Brushes, Tooth and Nail Brushes, vulcanized and stained dressing Combs, Ladies' Companions, Letter Cases, Footrulers, Spring-tapes, Tea and Call Bells, gilt Mirrors, Dressing Cases, Opera Glasses, Silver Penicils Cases and Toothpicks, &c., &c.  
An Invoice of Cutlery, comprising Ivory-handled table and dessert-Knives, Carvers, pen and pocket Knives, on cards, Sailors' Butchers' and Cooks' Knives, Bowie Knives, &c., &c.  
100 doz. white and colored Elastic Belts with Clasps.  
30 doz. assorted India Rubber Braces.  
5 doz. Cardigan Jackets.  
25 doz. Merino Undershirts.  
25 doz. white Turkish Towels.  
50 doz. brown Linen do.  
20 pieces Wove Flannel.  
19 pieces White do.  
200 doz. Linen Handkerchiefs.  
190 pair grey Blankets.  
100 boxes Toilet Soap.  
5 cases Brandy and May's Safety Matches.  
140 boxes Candles, slightly spotted.  
50 cases best French Salad Oil, in large bottles.  
11 cases Confectionery, each 10 doz.  
A quantity of Stationery, Account Books, Glass Plates, and Tumblers.  
30 Dean and Adams' Revolvers.  
120 Muskets.  
25 drums of Hubbard's Spirits of Turpentine.  
10 coils Deepsea Leadlines and Loglines.  
80 coils best Manila Rope from 1 1/2 in. to 4 inches.  
20 bolts Repairing Canvas.  
80 cases Pale Ale in quarts and pints.  
40 cases Port and Sherry.  
50 cases Old Tom.  
And other Liquors, &c., &c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1868. dec8

**Auctions.**  
**BOOK AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **FRIDAY**, the 11th December, 1868, at 2 o'clock, at his Sales Room, Commercial Bank Buildings,—  
A large and well selected Invoice of valuable BOOKS, comprising Works in History, Poetry, Law, Surgery, Painting, Music, Architecture, Surveying and Engineering, Fiction, &c., &c., &c., in many languages, some rare and curious.  
Catalogues will be ready on Monday, the 7th inst.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
**J. M. ARMSTRONG,**  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. dec11

**SOLD BY AUCTION.**  
H. B. M. Gunboats "**HARDY**" and "**DRAKE**" will be sold by AUCTION, at the NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY**, the 9th February, 1869, (unless previously disposed of by private agreement).  
The *Hardy* is of 233 tons and 60 h. power. The *Drake* is of 238 " 40 " power.  
The following are the articles to be sold with each vessel, viz.—  
With the "*Hardy*,"  
Hull complete.  
No masts or yards.  
2 Anchors.  
112 Fathoms Cable.  
Awnings complete, with Iron Stanchions.  
Davits for 2 Boats.  
1 Dingy, 14 feet.  
4 Oars and Awning.  
2 Downhaul's Pumps (1 complete).  
A pair of 30 Horse Power high pressure engines by Messrs. MAUDSLAY, SOHS and FIELD, in fair working order. A set of 3 boilers, considerably worn but repairable.  
Spare Gear.  
Cylinder Cover, 1 in No.  
Cross Head, " 1 "  
Eccentric Ring, " 1 "  
Piston and Rod, " 1 "  
Propeller (brass), " 1 "  
Rod connecting, complete, 1 "  
Feed pump rod, " 1 "  
Bilge do. do, " 1 "  
Slide do. do, " 1 "  
Guide blocks, " 2 "

With the "*Drake*,"  
Masts complete.  
Yards do.  
Rigging do.  
1 Anchor.  
100 Fathoms Cable.  
Awnings complete.  
Davits for 3 boats.  
1 Dingy, 14 feet.  
2 Oars.  
2 Downhaul's Pumps.  
All standing Sails, but square forecail.  
A 40 Horse Power high pressure engine by Messrs. PENN and SOHS, in good working order.  
The boilers of this vessel have been taken out.  
Spare Gear.  
Cylinder Cover, 1 in No.  
Eccentric Ring (brass), 1 "  
Piston, " 1 "  
do. Rod, " 1 "  
Plumber-block brasses, 1 pair.  
Propeller (brass), 1 "  
Rod connecting, complete, 1 "  
Feed pump rod, " 1 "  
Bilge do. do, " 1 "  
Slide do. do, " 1 "  
Guide block, " 1 "

**BANKS.**  
**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
SUSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.  
COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
*Chairman*,—GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq.  
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SOLOMON D. SASSOON, Esq.  
WILLIAM LEMANN, Esq.  
JULIUS MENKE, Esq. RICHARD ROWETT, Esq.  
AND,  
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

**HONGKONG.**  
INTEREST ALLOWED  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "  
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
**VICTOR KRESSER,**  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, AND SOUTHAMPTON.**  
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.  
H. PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP "**MAJATA**," Captain RYAN, will, for Hongkong, leave this office for the above places, on **TUESDAY, 15th December**, at 9 a.m. CARGO will be received on board until Noon, and SPECIES until 4 p.m. on the 14th December.  
For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.  
CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.  
A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from inaccuracies on such declaration.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.  
**W. MACAULAY, Superintendent.**  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. dec15

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.**  
THROUGH U.S. MAIL-LINE TO NEW YORK. STEAMERS of this line will be despatched as follows:—  
Japan, . . . Dec. 16.  
Costa Rica will leave Shanghai on or about same date, connecting at Yokohama with above-named steamers.  
Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and to Panama and Aspinwall.  
Return tickets issued at a reduction of 10% upon the whole amount for the round voyage.  
Connections are made at Panama with Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, at Aspinwall with the "Royal West India Mail Line," at West India and Pacific Steamship Company, (limited) and the "French Transatlantic Company." And, at New York, with the various lines to Europe. Tickets issued for the following Steamship Lines:—Cunard, Inman, National, General Transatlantic Co., New York and Havre Steamship Co., Hamburg and American Packet Co., New York and Bremen Steamship Co., and North German Lloyd's.  
Favorable arrangements have been made for through passengers and freight to America, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, and from Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.  
Through Bills of Lading given for Ports of Mexico and on the West Coast of Central and South America to as far as Valparaiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton and St. Nazaire, France.  
Freight to United States payable in advance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery in American Gold Coin with 8 per cent additional, at shipper's option.  
For further information, apply at the Agency of the Company, Praya West.  
**GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.**

**Shipping.**  
**FOR LONDON.**  
The Ocean S. S. Co.'s Str. "**AFLAT**,"  
Capt. KIDN, Master, will be despatched hence on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at daylight.  
Rate of freight for Oils \$4 10 per ton of 40 feet.  
Camphors &c., \$4 per ton of 40 feet.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BIRLEY & Co.**  
Hongkong, Dec. 4, 1868. dec8

**FOR YOKOHAMA DIRECT.**  
The A 1 Russian steamship "**SHAFESBURY**,"  
Captain ATKIN, will meet with quick despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, &c., apply to  
**LANDSTEIN & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 12, 1868. 11

**FOR SAIGON.**  
The A 1 North-German Brig "**GAZELLE**,"  
Captain GREEN, will be despatched hence on or about the 10th inst.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**CARLOWITZ & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 3, 1868. 10d

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**  
The A 1 British ship "**KEDAR**,"  
of 532 Tons Register.  
For Particulars, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. 18d

**Shipping.**  
**FOR SAN FRANCISCO.**  
To follow the "*Marie*,"  
The British ship "**GOLDEN HORN**,"  
Captain RICE, will have early despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

**FOR MADRAS DIRECT.**  
The "**NORTH CASTLE**,"  
Capt. LINKLATER, will be despatched on or about the 10th inst.  
For Freight apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A 1 British ship "**LOUISA**,"  
Capt. LANSDOWN, will load here and at Whampoa, and have quick despatch for the above port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 12, 1868.

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**  
The A 1 British ship "**ROSLIN CASTLE**,"  
JAS. ALEXANDER, Master, of 644 tons Register.  
For Particulars, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 21, 1868. dec21

**FOR SALE.**  
The A 1 North German Brig "**GAZELLE**,"  
of 196 Tons Register, built in 1865 all of Oak copper-fastened and coppered. She ranges 3/3 L.I. in Veritas until May 1873. The vessel is in first rate order.  
Apply to  
**CARLOWITZ & Co.**  
Hongkong, October 21, 1868. 11

**FOR NAGASAKI.**  
The A 1 British schooner "**CITY OF NAGARA**,"  
MITCHELL, Master, having engaged the larger portion of her cargo, will meet with quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**LANDSTEIN & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868. 11

**FOR SAN FRANCISCO.**  
The N. G. barque "**MARIE**,"  
Captain KRECK, will have prompt despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A 1 American barque "**STERLING**,"  
(REGISTERED IN 1866.)  
of 468 Tons Register, HARRING, Master, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load here, and at Whampoa, and have early despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
**OLYPHANT & Co.**  
Hongkong, October 20, 1868. 11

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**  
The first class French ship "**LA PLATA**,"  
JUBIN, Master, of 444 tons register.  
For Particulars, apply to  
**FREDERICK DREGERAER.**  
Hongkong, November 2, 1868.

**Notices to Consignees.**  
"**WHITEHALL**" from LONDON.  
THE above named vessel having arrived in harbour, Consignees of cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
**"HOLLAND WISE & Co."**  
Hongkong, November 23, 1868. 11

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.  
Ex "*Donnat*," 7th January, 1868.  
RT 531 . . . 1 Case Paper.  
B Ex "*Hoogly*," 31st October, 1868.  
VO 827 . . . 1 " Arms.  
PU 850 . . . 1 " Books.  
LF 285 . . . 1 " Books.  
**C. BERTRAND,**  
Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, November 9, 1868.

**"ROSLIN CASTLE" FROM LONDON.**  
CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, November 20, 1868.

**Notices of Firms.**  
**NOTICE.**  
R. C. J. H. SCHROEDER is authorised to sign our Firm per procuration, from this date.  
**SCHW. NEECK & THIEL**  
Saigon, November 14, 1868.







## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. C. EMIL BADE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm here and at Shanghai from the 1st October, 1868.  
EDUARD SOELLHASS & Co.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1868. j5a

I HAVE this day authorized Mr. C. LANGDON DAVIES to sign my name for procuration to all orders for goods supplied to the Hongkong Hotel, and I alone am liable to pay for goods supplied upon such orders.  
I have further authorized Mr. Davies to collect all debts due to me on Hotel account, for which his receipt will be a sufficient discharge.  
LEE AFOONG.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1868. jf

**NOTICE.**  
WE have this day established a Branch of our Firm at HIOGO and OSAKA.  
WAUCHIELS GROSS & Co.  
Nagasaki, September 20, 1868. 16de

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
C. LANGDON DAVIES.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last.  
Mr. TOBIAS PIM, Mr. WILLIAM NISBET OSWALD and Mr. H. E. FRYMOYER GRANT are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.  
OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.  
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. JOHN ALEXANDER SANDILANDS is authorized to sign our firm per procuration.  
R. MCGREGOR & Co.  
Hongkong, November 12, 1868. jf

**NOTICE.**  
MR. HENRY LISON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration, at Poochoo from this date.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.  
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.  
GLOVER & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

**NOTICE.**  
WE have authorized Mr. CLARA BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

## For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
THE Well-known Racing Pony ALARM.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1868. jf

**FOR SALE.**  
Ex Zephyr, from Sydney.  
Tons best screened Steam Coal.  
By  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1868. jf

**FOR SALE.**  
SHEET ZINC.  
Sheet LEAD.  
Galvanized RODS.  
Boiler PLATES.  
Brown Sheathing FELT.  
Yellow Metal Sheet PLATES.  
BOLTS and NUTS.  
RAY & Co.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. jf

**FOR SALE.**  
DUFF & GORDON'S PALE SHERRY,  
in 1 doz. cases.  
Bass ALE in qts.  
Guinness STOUT, in qts.  
do. do. in pints.  
Hennessey BRANDY.  
Kinahan L. L. WHISKY.  
RAY & Co.  
Hongkong, December 4, 1868. jf

**SELLING OFF AT COST PRICES.**  
THE Undersigned, being about to close their business at this port, are now offering the whole of their "Impress Stock" at COST PRICE.  
THOS. HUNT & Co.  
Hongkong, December 3, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
For Sale in the Store of the Undersigned.  
Just landed,  
Ex STA. ANNA—  
BEST SHERRY—Amonillado.  
Do. Pedro Jimenez.  
Do. Do. superior.  
Muscatel Wine.  
Sherry, twenty years old.  
do. superlative.  
Jamaica Rum.  
Vinegar.  
Superior Mocha Coffee.  
The above Wines are all from Spain and in boxes of 12 Bottles each. All at moderate prices.  
Apply to  
F. A. DE ROUZA,  
Gage Street, No. 24.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1868. jelo

**NOTICE.**  
NOW Publishing, a series of Photographic Views of Hongkong, Canton and Macao, Characteristic Groups etc., etc., by the Undersigned; about 150 Photographs to select from.  
In sets of 50 mounted, price, \$30.  
" " " 25 " " 20.  
" " " 10 " " 10.  
" " " 5 " " 5.  
FLOYD & Co.  
Hongkong, September 21, 1868.

## Insurances.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL 2,000,000 DOLLARS,  
in 2,000 Shares of 1,000 Dollars each.

Consisting Committee—  
GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq.  
WM. KAYE, Esq.  
R. ROBERT, Esq.  
S. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
F. BUXEY, Esq.  
General Managers, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Head Office, No. 39, Queen's Road.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, which expires by effluxion of time in a few months, having proved a highly successful undertaking, it has been determined by a large number of its shareholders to form a permanent company, under the same management and with increased Capital.

It is proposed to register the Company under the Limited Liability Ordinance, and the amount of the Capital having been fixed at Two Millions of Dollars, it is considered that Insurers will be amply secured thereby, while at the same time each shareholder will know the extent of his individual liability. The capital proposed to be called up amounts to a large sum, and provision will be made for the creation of an ample Reserve Fund, which will, it is expected, in a very short time accumulate to an amount practically to give the fullest security both to Insurers and Insured, irrespective of the unpaid Capital.

It is intended to anticipate the termination of the Old Company, by dissolving it from and after the 31st December next, and measures are being taken for that purpose. In anticipating a successful career for the New Company, it is only necessary to present to the public the results of the Old Company since its establishment in May 1866, as exhibited by the following figures:—

The total premiums collected from the 11th May 1866 to the present time, a period of only two years and five months, amount to.....\$304,727.72  
The losses which have been paid within the same period have amounted to.....\$130,081.22  
and include the large sum of \$85,270 lost by the Fire at Hongkong in Nov. 1867.  
The amount now at the Credit of the Working Account, after paying all Expenses and Re-insurances to date, exceeds.....\$160,000.00

These figures fully warrant the most sanguine expectations of success, and it is but reasonable to expect that, strengthened with larger Capital, the present undertaking cannot fail to prove at least as successful as the former one. The Old Company, when it entered the field, had to create a business for itself, but the New one, in taking over the outstanding risks and connections of the Old Company, will at once receive a very large amount of premium, and enter on a profitable and organized business. Moreover, there is no doubt that the risk of Fire in Hongkong has been greatly diminished by the Building Regulations now in force, and by the establishment of a Fire Brigade.

The following are the main features of the New Company:—

1. A first Call of \$100, to be paid upon each share on allotment, and a further Call of \$100 to be paid in Six Months; all further Calls to be determined upon at General Meetings of the shareholders.
2. Interest at 12 per cent. per annum to be in the first instance allowed on the paid up Capital, such interest to be payable half-yearly, on 30th June, and 30th December. The profits after deducting the said interest to be applied thus:—20 per cent. *pro rata*, amongst such of the shareholders as shall have contributed or influenced business to the Company, and the remainder in forming a Reserve Fund of \$250,000.
3. When such Reserve Fund shall have been accumulated, the payment of interest to cease, and the profits to be applied thus:—20 per cent. to be distributed as already mentioned amongst the shareholders who shall have contributed business to the Company; 30 per cent. to the augmentation of the Reserve Fund until it shall reach \$1,000,000, at which figure it is to be permanently maintained; and the remaining 50 per cent. to be distributed by way of dividend amongst the shareholders generally.
4. No shareholder to hold more than 250 shares.
5. The Company to be managed by General Managers, with the assistance of a Consulting Committee.
6. The Funds of the Company to be deposited in banks or in Government Securities approved of by the Committee. Over one half of the entire number of shares has already been taken up.

The following is the form of application for shares, which should be filled up and signed by the applicant and left with the General Managers of the Company.  
HONGKONG, 23rd November, 1868.

To the General Managers of the  
"HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED."

GENTLEMEN,  
I (or we) hereby request that you will allot to me (or us) shares in the above company, and I (or we) agree to accept such shares, or any less number you may allot to me (or us) and to pay the First Call of \$100 per share on allotment, and the Second Call of \$100 per share on the Twentieth day of June next, as well as any subsequent Calls that may be made, and to sign the Deed of Association whenever required so to do.

Your obedient servant  
The Deed of Association may be inspected at the Office of the General Managers, or at the Office of Mr. HENRY C. CALDWELL, the Solicitor of the Company.  
Hongkong, November 25, 1868. jz6

HAMBURG & BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE CO.

THE Undersigned are now authorized to accept Assurance against Fire at Hongkong, and at any of the open Ports in China, to the increased amount of \$50,000 on one risk.  
WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, November 5, 1868. j4d

## Insurances.

## "THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON."

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the requirements of Section Number Fifty of "The Companies Ordinance, 1865," an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Society, No. 12, Praya, on Monday, the Twentieth day of December next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming all or any Special Resolutions that may be passed at the Meeting called for the purpose on the Fifth day of December next.

Dated the Thirtieth day of Oct., A.D. 1868.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT WATMORE, Secretary.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, that in compliance with the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, situated at No. 39, Queen's Road Victoria, on Wednesday, the Sixteenth day of December next, at the hour of Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming all or any Special Resolutions that may be passed at the Meeting called for the purpose, on the First day of December next.

Dated the Twentieth day of Nov., 1868.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. jz6

## New Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## AUSTRALIAN COALS AND YELLOW METAL.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, on

**WEDNESDAY,**  
9th Instant, at Noon,  
(For account of the concerned.)  
Ex "Zephyr," from Sydney.  
(Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.)

About 500 tons best Steam COALS.  
To be sold from sample taken from ship's hold.  
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, the remaining half upon delivery of Coals. Delivery to be taken from ship's side in Hongkong harbour. The number of lay days to be specified at the time of sale. Cash in Mexican dollars at 7.17.

Also,  
For account of the concerned,  
27 cases Vivian's Yellow Metal, 22 oz. to 28 oz.  
241 pieces Vivian's Yellow Rods, 5/8 to 1 inch.  
120 pieces Muntz's Yellow Rods, 1 1/16 to 1 1/2 inch.  
4 casks 1/2 composition Nails.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. jz6

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell by Public Auction, on

**FRIDAY,**  
the 18th day of December, 1868, at Noon, on the premises, under the power of sale contained in the Deed of Mortgage,—

The Ground, Messuages and Premises situate at Bonham Strand, known as Marine Lot No. 4. C. The lot contains Two Houses facing the Bonham Strand, covering ground measuring on the North about 32 feet, South about 28 feet, East about 74 feet, and West about 87 feet.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.  
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, the balance on completion of the deeds of transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.  
Property to be at the risk of the Purchaser from the fall of the hammer.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 7, 1868. jell

**TENDERS for the Repairs of the German Barque "N.Y." Captain Gomer, will be received at the Office of the Undersigned until Thursday, the 10th Instant, at noon.**

For particulars, apply to the Captain on board, or to  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. jz6

**TENDERS for the Repairs of the North German barque "MARTIN" will be received at the Office of the Undersigned until To-morrow, the 8th inst., at Noon.**

Full particulars of the repairs required may be had on application to the Captain on board the vessel or to the Undersigned.  
MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, December 7, 1868. jz6

AS the Undersigned intends leaving Hongkong in a short time, those desiring his services will address him at once.  
J. S. BURLINGHAM, Shipyard Undertaker.  
Hotel d'Europe, December 5, 1868.

## HONGKONG &amp; CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be closed from the 5th to the 14th day of December (both days included), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. NEWTON, Manager.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868. jz6

## THE HARBOUR YACHT RACE.

FLOYD & Co. have on sale "INSTANTANEOUS PHOTOGRAPHS" of the Races yesterday in five different positions.  
62, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1868. jz6

## New Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

**FIRST DIVIDEND** of Ten per cent. upon the amount of all claims admitted by the Trustees, will be paid on the 1st January next.

On application to the undersigned, at the office of the Trustees, Feller's Hill, Creditors will be furnished with warrants signed by the Trustees which will be payable on presentation at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By order of the Trustees,  
R. WHEELEY, jz1  
Hongkong, November 23, 1868.

## NOTICE.

LL Persons having claims against the Estate of the late JOHN CLARK, deceased, citing Assistant Surveyor General, are requested to send in particulars of same on or before the 31st day of December next, to

F. I. HAZELAND, Solicitor.  
Supreme Court House.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1868. jz1

**WANTED.**  
ONNAGE to Amoy for 300 to 400 Tons of Dead Weight.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong, October 21, 1868.

## LOST.

THIS morning, between Messrs SIEMSEN & Co.'s, along the Praya to the Macao Steamer and back through Queen's Road, a Pocket BOOK, containing a \$25 and a 5 Dollar Note, as also a Charter-party of the British barque "Marion." A Reward will be paid on returning the same to Messrs SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1868.

**FAWCETT & Co.,**  
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
GEN. STONE KEEPER, AND  
COMMISSION AGENTS,  
Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

## NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st November, 1868, BOARD and LODGING—BOARD or LODGING or SPARE BED ROOMS, Furnished or Unfurnished, can be had at the House formerly known as the ORIENTAL HOTEL, Board and Lodging, \$50 per Month. For further particulars apply to  
FAWCETT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 30, 1868. jf

## NOTICE.

DOCUMENTS Translated, at reasonable rates, from English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or German into Chinese, or from Chinese into English. Address,  
The "China Mail" Office,  
2, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

## FOR SALE AT EAST POINT.

Complete assortment of Lowmoor and Thorncroft PLATE, and Sheet IRON, BAR, ROD, Angle IRON and RIVETS. Double Shear, Spring and Blister STEEL, in round, square and flat bars. Babbitt METAL, Muntz Yellow METAL, Copper PLATES, Rods and Pipes. Gas FITTINGS of every description. Boiler TUBES, Pressure GAUGES, PIPES, PACKING and all kinds of Engineer's Supplies.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1868. jz10

## SEALED TENDERS (in duplicate) marked outside "Tenders for Flour" will be received by the undersigned until Noon on Wednesday, the 9th December, 1868, from persons willing to contract for the supply of such quantities of American and Australian Flour, as may be required for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, in China and Japan; for the period from 1st April 1869 to 31st March 1870.

The Flour to be either extra superfine American in barrels of 195 lbs. each, or best seconds Australian in bags of 200 lbs. each, and is to be guaranteed to keep sound for three months after delivery.  
The Tenders to state the price per barrel or bag; approved security will be required for the due fulfilment of the Contract. Conditions of Contract may be seen and any further information obtained on application at this office.  
REDMOND UNIAKKE, Dep. Comm. Gen.  
Controller's Office Commissariat,  
Hongkong, November 20, 1868. jz6

## CHRISTADELPHIAN SYNAGOGUE,

No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

HORSE in Hongkong, who have become Christadelphians, by believing the things "concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus CHRIST" (Acts viii. 12) and being therefore, immersed in water in obedience to Apostolic Commandment (Acts ii. 38).

**MEET EVERY SUNDAY.**  
In the morning at 11 a.m. for the breaking of bread, and for worship, and in the evening at 7 o'clock, for the proclamation of the truth.

N.B.—Christadelphian means "Brethren of Christ," and is adopted by those acknowledging it, to distinguish them from ordinary "Christians" who in the estimation of the former, are departed from the faith of CHRIST, and turned into fables (2 Tim. 4.4).

**LOOKING FOR HIS APPEARING.**  
Hongkong, November 20, 1868. jz6

## SAILORS' HOME, WEST POINT.

Trustees,  
HON. W. KESWICK, FORBES, Esq.,  
JOHN DENT, H. G. THOMSON, Esq., R.M.

Directors,  
HON. H. B. GIBB, W. MACAULAY, Esq.,  
G. J. HELLAND, Esq., D. SASSOON, Esq.,  
G. HEARD, Esq., Rev. W. R. BEACH,  
W. LEMANN, Esq., J. J. MURRAY, M.D.

Committee of Management,  
HON. W. KESWICK, Chairman,  
W. MACAULAY, Esq., H. G. THOMSON, Esq.,  
G. J. HELLAND, Esq., Esq., R.M.

DONATIONS of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothes, &c., will be most thankfully received.  
A. OVERBURY, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, October 28, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

## SAYLE &amp; Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

QUEEN'S ROAD,

RESPECTFULLY solicit inspection of their New GOODS, in the following Departments.

## SILKS.

Evening Dresses—Velvets.

RIBBONS.

—Fancy Dresses.

HOSIERY.

—Trimmings.

HABERDASHERY.

—Prints.

MANCHESTER.

—Jackets.

BONNETS.

—Ladies' Outfits.

BABY LINEN.

Gentlemen's Hats—Gloves.

HOSIERY.

—Tweeds.

Tailoring in all its Branches.

PERFUMERY, &c.

Household Linens—Blankets.

CARPETS.

FURNISHING DRAPERY, &c., &c.

P.S.—The Dress-making, Millinery and Tailoring are under the Superintendence of experienced West End hands.

Hongkong, November 12, 1868.

## HALL &amp; HOLTZ,

General & Commission Agents

NAGASAKI.

## GEORGE GLASSE,

(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO)

KINGSFORD & Co., TICCADILLY

LONDON, AND 28, PLACE

VENDOME, PARIS)

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN

CHEMISTS

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS

SUPPLIED & REFITTED.

Hongkong, May 1, 1867. jf

## JOHN THOMPSON &amp; Co.,

DISPENSING & ANALYTICAL

CHEMISTS

AND

SODA WATER MANUFACTURERS.

Ships' Medicine Chests supplied and refitted.

"TEETH EXTRACTED."

INTERNATIONAL DISPENSARY,

23, Wellington Street,

Hongkong, May 6, 1868.

## LATEST SHIPPING.

## DEPARTURE.

Dec. 7, Suwameda, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Ajoe, for London.

Tyong, for Bangkok.

Schiller, for San Francisco.

## PASSENGERS.

The following European passengers left this for Canton, yesterday:

Mr. Williams and Dr. Philpott.

The following European passengers arrived here from Canton to-day:

Messrs Williams, Geo. B. Glover and C. Brandt.

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE—

For SINGAPORE, PENANG, MAURITIUS, and LONDON,

Per "A. J. Z." To-morrow, the 8th Instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

For SAIGON,

Per "H. M." Gun-boat, "KIEN-CHANG," To-morrow, the 8th Instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

## MAILS BY THE "MALTA."

The Contract Packet "



Notice.—It is particularly requested that all communications relating to the general business of this paper be addressed to the Proprietor, and in no case to individuals by name. Much delay and inconvenience in the transaction of business will thereby be avoided.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our columns are open to all who wish to address the public on legitimate grounds, but we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

All communications addressed to this paper must be accompanied by the name of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 7, 1868.

A WORD WITH SOME PORTUGUESE PAPERS.

The Portuguese in general, and those resident in Macao and Hongkong in particular, must be under great obligations to the weekly publication which under the title of *O Independente* aspires to represent the public opinion of its countrymen. We do not in the least object to its utterances, albeit somewhat remarkable for their tenor as regards ourselves, nor should we notice them, did they not keep alive the discussion of a question which at this moment is of some interest to the Government of Portugal, the Colonial Government of Hongkong, humanity at large, and Chinese Coolies individually. Our own interests, though doubtless an inducement to again refer to it, can scarcely be deemed the sole motive, as our comments were commenced long before any personal feelings whatever were brought into play. With this exordium we propose to take note of some of the recent utterances of the *Independente*.

By way of letting its readers know that the burst of indignation against us in which it recently indulged is not unshared by other Portuguese journals, it transcribes, with evident satisfaction, an article from the *Gaz. Sentinella de Liberdade* addressed to "its brethren in China." A few extracts from this pathetic production will serve a double purpose—that of increasing the circulation of its utterances, and of amusing readers to whom *Gaz. Sentinella* is an unknown subject of study. The article of course opens with "profound indignation"—a feeling with which we fully sympathize. This indignation was felt at Goa upon perusing in the *Echo do Povo* a report of the examination of Senhor Horta; after doing which the *Sentinella* was

"Forced to confess that it felt struck down before the thousand insolencies, brutalities and insults with which British pride sought to humiliate even within the narrow precincts of a Court of Justice the valiant and spirited nation which in its hands had been made an object of scorn and jest in the face of the civilized world."

Those who read our report of the examination of Senhor Horta—the literal accuracy of which has never been questioned—will remember that that gentleman was treated by the Court with marked courtesy, and that he gave his evidence from a seat on the Bench, to which he was invited by the Chief Justice; and further, that any pressure put upon him to get answers was owing to a reticence on his part, very unusual among witnesses of his position. When he said that though the Macao revenues passed through his hands, yet he could not tell whether they had been paid to the Chinese Government or not, and was equally deficient in knowledge of the names of his councillors, it will not be deemed surprising that the Chief Justice expressed some astonishment. The *Sentinella* does not know as well as we do how bitterly Senhor Horta's manner, we will say, is regretted by his friends, not one of whom, however, has ever complained that he was made the victim of "insolence," or "brutality." His object was to fine and imprison an Englishman, and English law properly requires that there shall be no equivocation in a criminal prosecution.

The *Sentinella* after airing its indignation in this style for some distance down the column, then proceeds to refer to the manner in which, as it says, Hongkong journals reflected on the character of the Portuguese officials at Macao, "so as to discredit not merely them as individuals, but the nation." We are then informed that as the law required a verbal declaration on the part of the "noble ex-Governor of Macao"—he submitted to this examination.

"In the various phases of which may be observed the proud hatred, the contemptuous jeers, with which British spleen amused itself in humiliating our illustrious Portuguese nation, whose grand part was the reproach of England's former insatiable avarice!"

This is pretty good as a description of our Supreme Court proceedings—distance has evidently "lent enchantment" (of a curious nature) to the view. We presume, however, that the *Sentinella* may remain wide awake or sleep upon his post, as convenient, without dread of proceedings from the officials or members of the bar at Hongkong!

After this, the *Sentinella* goes into hysterics and indulges in a long lament over the sad fortunes of "Triste Lusitania." We were not aware that Portugal was in an evil state. On the contrary we imagined that the country was flourishing, and that it had many friends and few enemies in European cabinets. But according to the *Sentinella*, who ought to know, being so well placed at Goa, the centre of the world's political intelligence, it is "quite otherwise." How-

ever, the *Sentinella* comes to the conclusion that, after all, its conductors rather "prefer to be the slaves of Portugal, than citizens of England." There is probably a printer's error in this sentence, by the omission of an "r,"—make "slaves" to read "slavers," and the meaning becomes intelligible. The *Sentinella* winds up by expressing to its brethren in China "the bitterness of its soul" at the sad plight in which they find themselves (as this unintentional sarcasm!) and has doubtless much gratified its immediate circle of readers. But we think we can suggest a field for the *Sentinella's* energies a little nearer home than China. We are fully occupied here over the coolie trade, and we dare say that even the chucheros can dispense with the *Sentinella's* help. So we beg to direct its attention to the following paragraph which appears in the last number of the able and influential *Friend of India*. Here is a chance for the *Sentinella* to take action! Let *Gaz. Sentinella* and *Macao* and meet with equal success. The following is the paragraph in question:—

From news brought by the ambassadors from Zanzibar, it would appear that the sickly Portuguese colonies on the eastern coast of Africa are in *articulo mortis*. An expedition of 4,000 men, of whom 940 are said to have been Europeans, despatched against a rebellious tribe, has suffered a general defeat, and returned without its General and with but a handful of men. Sena and Sonda are in the hands of the natives, and Quilimane and Mozambique are likely to be lost to the Portuguese forever. The loss, however, to either civilization or humanity will be inappreciable. The concurrence of late events tending to the destruction of the East African Slave Trade has been wonderful. The prestige of the Abyssinian Expedition; the concessions of Sultan Syud Majid; the destruction of the Portuguese, the great promoters of the trade; and the recent successes of our cruises; want only the first instalment of our Indian Navy to extinguish the trade.

Let it should be imagined that we desire to take undue advantage of the opinion of one particular paper to our own ends, we subjoin another extract from the *Ceylon Observer* on the same subject:—

The intelligence of the terrible disaster which has befallen the Portuguese, tempts a comparison with similar events which befel the same people in Ceylon, and our sympathies would naturally be enlisted on behalf of our unfortunate friends, for what we know, mainly through Livingstone's works, of the purposes for which the Portuguese used their power in their African settlements. Those settlements were but centres of the abominable slave trade; and wickedness, sooner or later, is followed by retribution. What with the weakening of the Portuguese power, and the prospect of the monarch of the Zambezi really engaging to put down the slave trade, we may hope that this great crime of man-stealing may cease to curse Africa.

We desire to make ourselves clearly understood by the Portuguese section of the community here and at Macao. As we have already explained, our efforts have been directed towards checking, if not utterly abolishing, the frightful calamities which had occurred in the coolie trade as formerly carried on from Macao, and which have to some extent been officially admitted. For doing this, the *China Mail* has been subjected to a process of law so utterly out of proportion to the offence alleged, that it inevitably necessitated stern and uncompromising resistance which must be continued, apparently for a long time yet. In justice to the *China Mail* we shall seize every legitimate opportunity of making known facts analogous to the actions which we have condemned, in whatever part of the world they arise. It is not our fault that the Portuguese name is associated prominently with them. We are sorry that it is so; and we know many men of Lusitanian blood who share with us in the indignation which such atrocities have naturally elicited.

LOCAL.

The letter on "The men of the Period," which we received this afternoon, shall appear to-morrow.

The Band of the 73rd Regt. will perform on the Parade Ground, on Tuesday, 8th inst., commencing at 4.30 p.m. The following is the programme:—

OVERTURE, "Concert,".....Till.  
QUADRILLE, "Gilt & Silver,".....Harris.  
SARACON, "La Dame Blanche,".....Bodica.  
VALSE, "Waltz,".....Gongl.  
GALOP, "Gilt & Silver,".....Harris.  
M. TROY, Band Serjt.-Conductor.

A GOVERNMENT notification in Saturday's *Gazette* fixes the Rates for 1869 at—Police, 7 per cent in the City and 5 in Villages; Fire Brigade, one-half per cent; Water, 2 per cent.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Chamber was called for this afternoon, at the office, Club Chambers, when Messrs. Holland (vice-chairman), Hon. J. B. Taylor, Zimmerman, Bonman, Pyke, Bolton, Heaton, and Olmsted presented themselves. After waiting for twenty minutes, the necessary number to form a quorum (ten members) failed to appear; and the meeting was consequently adjourned till Thursday. The business could have been easily got through in a quarter of an hour.

The cup subscribed for and prepared by the Chinese residents for presentation to the Hon. W. T. Mercer, lately acting Governor and Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, is now on exhibition at the premises of Loong Ching, Queen's Road. It is one of the most massive and handsome pieces of silver plate ever made by the Chinese, and will be a magnificent ornament to the recipient's drawing-room. It is thoroughly Chinese in workmanship and in design, and stands over two feet high, is nearly a foot and a half broad, and is four feet in circumference round the outer edge. Standing upon three gorgon-like, massive claw-feet, the

blow is beautifully traced with carvings of Chinese exorcised in characteristic Chinese style; while on one side is neatly cut the following English inscription:—"Presented to W. T. Mercer, Esquire, by Kwok Cheung, Cheung Ashau, Wo Hang, Tso Tak, and other Chinese residents of Hongkong—1868."—Long shall we remember like the gentian sun; your own-like kindness constantly benefits us."

On the opposite side, this inscription is as neatly engraved in Chinese, with the addition of a few of the donors' names not given on the English side. The contributors number, we believe, three times seven; and whether or not there be in the numbers, the appreciation of Mr Mercer's many good qualities has taken a very graceful form.

Of the value of this piece of silver, the metal weighs 310 dollars, while altogether the Cup has cost \$650. One of the finest features of this presentation plate is the large-piece which forms the lid: it is composed of three dragons, whose coils (in frosted silver) form the body of the bowl; the three heads give an elegant finish to the upper part, the central and largest dragon-head being the centre piece. We understand that the cup will be open to view until the departure of the next mail.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Third Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company, was held this afternoon at the Office of the General Agents, Hongkong.

Present:—Messrs Holland (in the chair), G. Hearst, H. Heard, Viscount de Goy, Messrs (Hon.) Taylor, Kaye, Delbanco, Mellish, Olmsted, Capt. Sands, Duncanson, Da Costa, Chandler, and Hung.

The following is the printed report of the committee:—"The Committee have now the pleasure of waiting upon the Shareholders with a Report of the working of the Company during the past twelve months."

The amount of Premium collected in Hongkong and China, between the 1st of November 1867, and the 31st October 1868, and the amount collected at the foreign Agencies, within that period, of which the General Agents have received advice, after deducting all sums paid as bonus and commissions and adding interest, amounts to \$320,000.22. The outstanding averages and claims, not yet settled, amount to \$39,689.63. (It is expected that this item may be somewhat reduced). The amended accounts have been audited by Mr J. B. Taylor and Mr E. Delbanco, the last named gentleman having been appointed to take the vacancy caused by Mr. William Kaye having joined the Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Association the Meeting will have to elect Auditors for the coming year; Mr Taylor has resigned, and Mr M. P. Jukes has offered himself for election.

It will be seen from these Accounts that after carrying forward to the next year's accounts \$20,000 for Premium received in respect of risks taken before October 31st, but not yet terminated, and after carrying forward \$39,689.63 to Suspense Account to meet unsettled claims put forward by the credit of Premium from Preliminary Expenses, there remains a balance to the credit of the Reserve Fund and interest of \$140,000; and the Committee recommend that this sum be declared available for distribution as profits of the Company for the year.

"The apportionment of this sum, if appropriated as being distributable, will under the 132nd Clause of the Articles of Association be as follows:—the sum of \$35,000, to be carried to the Reserve Fund and invested by the Committee;—the sum of \$35,000, to be divided *pro rata* among contributing Shareholders, and the sum of \$70,000, or \$360 per share to be paid to Shareholders as General Dividend."

"In accordance with the 86th Clause of the Articles of Association, two members of the present Committee (Mr. Heland and Mr. Kaye) retire from office at this Meeting, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Hongkong, December 3rd, 1868."

The Chairman having proposed and Mr Mellish having seconded the adoption of the report, the same was unanimously carried by the meeting.

Mr Kaye proposed that Mr Delbanco be re-elected, and Mr Jukes elected, as auditors for next year; which, being seconded by Hon. J. B. Taylor, was unanimously approved.

It was then proposed by Viscount de Goy, and seconded by Mr G. Heard, that the retiring directors should be re-elected. The Chairman then congratulated the members on the satisfactory termination of the business of the year, and expressed a hope that the future years would be similarly successful.

UNION INSURANCE COMPANY.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in the above society was held on Saturday afternoon, at the office at Pedder's Wharf, Mr Wm. Lumsden occupying the chair.

The Chairman stated that the object of this meeting had already been set out in the advertisement conveying it, but he would remark that the object was the same as that of the meeting called some weeks since. The proceedings at that meeting had been found by the company's legal adviser to have been rather informal, and the present meeting had accordingly been called. The resolutions to be brought before the meeting had already been circulated, and as they were much the same in substance as those passed at the former meeting, he supposed there would be no further discussion on the points then raised.

winding up and ultimately settling its affairs, and finally dividing its assets and discharging its liabilities. And that this resolution do and shall, from and after the date passing thereof, be numbered as and be the twenty-fifth article of the Articles of Association of the Society."

Mr Bosman said that he had not present at the former meeting, but he had read the argument then presented forward, and it appeared to him that the reasons given for making the company a three years' one, was that the paid-up capital was insufficient. Now the only good the present resolution before the meeting could do, was to place the company every three years in a position with too small a capital, instead of yearly, but he thought the exigency had rather better be met by calling up \$2,500 on each share instead of \$1,000. This would not require any further outlay on the part of the Shareholders, as the realized profits for this year would be sufficient to meet the call. His objections to a three years' office were, that it was against the interest of large contributors, who lost two years' interest on their return premium; thus a person contributing \$10,000 annually would be loser of \$3,600 interest. He knew the Chinese, who now gave a great part of their business to this insurance company, were very partial towards receiving every year their return on their premium contributed. In conclusion he proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Bellous:—"That the Union Insurance Society should continue to be an annual office, in conformity with the Articles of Association, and that the directors should take into consideration the advisability, in reconstituting the company, of increasing the paid up capital."

The amendment was then put to the meeting, but lost. A vote on the original resolution resulted in 139 shares declaring in favor of it, and 13 against it. This vote being in excess of 23 over that required by the local ordinance, and 12 over that required by the rules of the society, the resolution was declared carried.

Mr Bosman asked when the board intended to call a meeting for the election of directors, as the present ones were elected for one year only, and it was not fair to ask them to continue in office for another two years.

The Chairman replied that this meeting could not deal with that question, Mr Bosman could address the present board on the subject.

A series of resolutions were then passed altering the following articles of the regulations of the society, in conformity with the spirit of the first resolution. Articles No. 69, 71, 76, 77, 120 (section 2), 129, 139, 140, 145, 147, and 156.

After putting these several resolutions to the meeting, the Chairman declared them to be duly carried, and there being no further business the meeting separated.—*Press.*

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Both Magistrates sat this morning. The dock, in both large and small Courts, was overflowing with "men of the period," who had apparently combined with the notorious contributor to a certain Magazine to verify the truth of certain statements recently published concerning the drunkenness and immorality of the Colony. Unfortunately, however, for the statements in question, the greater number of those "periodical" men belonged to that portion of the population known as floating, non-resident, and celebrated for getting "half seas over."

Joao Uezar is 3rd officer of the Spanish barque *San Lorenzo*, and appears to have forgotten that he was under the monarchical government of England, instead of the unenviable rule of Spain, and having purchased a thousand oysters from a Chinaman, he took a boat and was about to disappear without paying the same, when a policeman accosted him. Joao drew a knife, threatened the constable, and remarked that, if they had been in Manila, he would have killed the "peeler." Prisoner admitted having threatened the P.C. with a knife, but pleaded that he didn't use it. Mr Goodlake sentenced prisoner to pay \$25, or go to hard labor for one month.

James Simpson, a plumber, had given himself up thoroughly to mastering the metaphysical problem involved in the "men of the period," that it was found in a state of exaltation in one of the public gutters sometime yesterday.—Mr Goodlake does not seem to sympathize with such men, for he most summarily disposed of the case by the compulsory order to pay 50 cents, with option of two days' detention.

David Campbell is a Scotchman, and of course must be a man of strong mental power. He took chair yesterday afternoon, to facilitate the study addressed, and made his "periodical" rounds; but the chair-bearer deposited that Campbell too collapsed over the herculean task. He got drunk and refused to pay his chair—like a jolly old "man of the period" of the truly modern type.—Mr May fined prisoner 50 cents, and ordered a payment of 75 cents to the chair cooler.

Wm. Simpson, a man lately discharged from the Dockyard Police, is a "man of the period" in an advanced stage of development. He was found in Barracks yesterday, where he had no right to be, and could give no account of himself; and it was agreed that he was in a very high degree, "the" leading vagabond. Mr Goodlake recognized this fact by sending the "man" to hard labor for a month.

Yow Ahshun, an unemployed vagabond, was caught yesterday cutting the trees at Wanohi Gap. Mr Goodlake marked his sense of this conduct by ordering prisoner to receive ten strokes of the rattan at the scene of the offence, and to be imprisoned for one month, with hard labor, as a rogue and vagabond.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice.)

Monday, Dec. 7.

At the opening of the Court, the Acting Attorney General, addressing His Lordship, said:—In reference to a subject before your Lordship on the last occasion, I wish to say that I am reported to have said that the Attorney General has power to go into the Magistracy any day, and forbid Mr May going on with any case. I wish to explain that, whatever I said, I never could have intended it to bear such a meaning, because if I had said it, it would have been in effect saying that the Magistrates have no independent jurisdiction. My observation was intended to refer to that class of cases before the Magistrate which would ultimately have to come before the Attorney General under the statute. The Attorney General has jurisdiction, but it is somewhat difficult to define it, to ascertain to what it extends and terminates. I am happy to have an opportunity of saying this. It is due to the Court, to the Attorney General whose *locum tenens* I am and to the public; and I wish not to be misunderstood.

His Lordship said he did not understand the learned gentleman to speak in the extreme way in which he had been reported.

The Attorney General does confer occasionally with the Magistracy.

The Acting Attorney General: As I see Mr May here, permit me to observe that I could not have said anything in discourtesy to Mr May.

His Lordship: Of course not.

The business before the Court was then proceeded with.

THE QUEEN, in the prosecution of NOWROOZE NUSSEHWANER v. NOWROOZE PESTONJEE.

RETURN OF WAIT FOR MANDAMUS.

The Attorney General appeared to show cause against a writ issued by the Crown Solicitor; and Mr Pollard, q.c., with Mr Haylar, appeared on the other side.

The Attorney General said that a *mandamus* would lie, only when a Magistrate refused to proceed with a case. In the *Queen v. Eyre*, the Magistrate was in doubt as to jurisdiction, and refused to proceed on that ground. Such also was the tendency of all the cases he had come upon, their decisions having been given in the event of the Magistrate declining to proceed; if the Magistrate entered upon the inquiry, to "hear, proceed with, and investigate" a case, and thereupon determine, the Court could not interfere, even if such determination was erroneous. Regarding the case *Queen v. Eyre*, the writ applied for was to call upon the Magistrate to show cause why he should not hear the evidence. This referred to the doings of April 1865, when Governor Eyre illegally (as alleged) declared martial law in the island of Jamaica, and with other crimes. Upon these charges being made, the Magistrate declined to hear the evidence, on the ground that he was uncertain whether he had or had not jurisdiction in the matter. Another point advanced was, that Mr May had in effect decided the case. The question was one of warrant or no warrant; and that had been decided. If this writ was granted, the Court, the Magistrate and the Attorney General would be placed in a false position—the Magistrate, because he would be commanded to issue a warrant against his own conviction; the Court, because it would have to decide the question of partner's liability to criminal proceedings in the absence of the partners; and the Attorney General, because he would have now to say that the criminal charge could lie and afterwards sign an information for the same case. As to the question whether a partner was liable to be criminally proceeded against on the grounds above alluded to, he would not go into that question.

Mr Pollard, q.c., in reply, said that he trusted that Mr Ball did not appear for the Crown, for the Crown was not called upon to show cause; it was Mr May who was called upon to show cause, and Mr Ball could appear only as counsel.

Mr Ball remarked that he had no objection to appear from the Colonial Secretary. Mr Pollard continued to say that this made a considerable difference. The argument, however, had left the point which he and his learned friend had endeavored to put before the Court, viz., that of partners being liable to criminal proceedings for conspiracy; the learned Attorney General having confined himself chiefly to technical grounds. The learned Q.C. then proceeded to show that the Court, on the Crown side, had power to order all inferior Courts to do any judicial duty it may be empowered to do; judicial duty, because the prerogative was only exercised when a point of law was involved, as instanced by the present case. One fallacy of the argument above stated was that the application for a warrant—which was a mere preliminary step towards an investigation—was looked upon as a decision. It was nothing more or less than a refusal to proceed; and it was absurd to assume, as his learned friend had done, that Mr May would be in any false position regarding the future hearing, as that might be brought before another Magistrate; while Mr May might be promoted or might retire. The more granting of a warrant did not necessitate a commitment. If His Lordship admitted that the Court had power to interfere in all matters applicable to criminal as well as civil matters, then there were numerous cases to show that the Court had granted a *mandamus* in every instance where a magistrate refused to act upon an objection of law, or where the magistrate made a mistake in law. As to the right on the part of the applicant to appear, it was sufficient to prove the wrong for which he sought redress, and to comply with all the forms. The conspiracy to injure was the offence and wrong done.

After considerable discussion, and after some remarks by the Chief Justice, the rule was discharged. His Lordship remarked that he did not care to interfere with the rights of the Magistrate, which were of a broad discretionary kind.

A long discussion ensued on the subject of costs, upon the application of the Attorney General; but after Mr Pollard had opposed the application, they were refused. The Court then rose.

The *Corriere di Sardegna* gives some account of Garibaldi. He is always calm, kind, and affectionate. He said recently to a visitor: "I do not suffer so much, but I am growing old. I am a weather-beaten hull, which has made many voyages; a plank is at one time wanting, at another a nail—always something; but an earnest will supplies all deficiencies; and when the country may have need of the last timber of the old barque I shall willingly make the sacrifice."

LABUAN.

By the last advices from Labuan we (*Straits Times*) learn that Governor Hennessy was at Brunei, whither he had gone in H. M. steamer *Starling*, in consequence of representations made to him by some Chinese traders in Labuan that a serious disturbance was imminent between the Brunei Rajahs and their fellow-countrymen, most of whom are British subjects, in that place. We have not been informed of the cause of the quarrel; but it appears that bloodshed would have certainly been the result were it not for the prompt and active interference of Governor Hennessy, who held frequent interviews with the leaders on both sides. Owing to his friendly exertions as a mediator, the excitement has been happily allayed and tranquillity restored. We cannot too highly commend the Governor's prompt action whenever any emergency arises. His Excellency was still at Brunei when the mail left Labuan.

With reference to the piratical outrage in the Sooloo Sea, mentioned some time since by a correspondent at Labuan, we hear that Governor Hennessy, having obtained authority from the Sultan of Sooloo to punish the pirates, proceeded to the island of Ubeau, their chief abode in the Sooloo Sea, and where a notorious leader of these miscreants, Ati Bunding, resides.

Negotiations for his capture having failed, a force of forty sailors and marines were landed from the *Duwayf*, and, accompanied by His Excellency, marched inland towards the village of the pirates. Although the men were protected by a steady fire from the *Duwayf*, and were armed with Snider rifles, it was very hazardous for such a small force to land in a place which swarmed with desperadoes armed to the teeth. Nevertheless, they marched steadily to the village, which was abandoned, and succeeded in setting fire to the houses of Ati Bunding and his followers, in all about a hundred huts, which were utterly destroyed. The force was accompanied by an envoy from the Sultan of Sooloo, who pointed out the houses of the perpetrators of the late act of piracy, who were thus punished; but, in accordance with the wishes of the Sultan, the huts and property of those who were known not to have had a share in the outrage, were un-molested.

The force then returned safely to the ship, leaving the Sultan's envoy to obtain full compensation for the owner of the captured *prahu*. The prompt punishment, which has followed on the lawless act, will have a salutary effect upon the natives of Ubeau and the neighbouring islets, and make them very careful of meddling with British subjects in future. H. M. S. *Gnat*, Commander Husbald, was at Labuan by latest advices; and it was thought His Excellency would send her to Ubeau to complete the begun by the *Duwayf*, and bring back compensation to the owner of the *prahu*.

We also learn that the batch of fifty convicts, sent by the *Rainbow*, have been landed and safely imprisoned at Labuan, where no doubt their services will be found very valuable. Owing to their arrival, the *Starling*, instead of going to Sarawak, will be stationed at Labuan. All the absent officials, namely, Dr. Treacher, Mr. Slide, and Mr. Clark, have arrived in the Colony, where the arrival of two companies of the Ceylon Rifles were daily expected to relieve the detachment of Madras troops now serving there. We understand that seven officers accompany the Ceylon Rifles to Labuan; and doubtless the stay of these gentlemen in the Colony will considerably lighten its small European community.

Of late, we hear favorable accounts of the quality of the Labuan coal now produced from the colliery by Mr. Lumsden, the Manager of the new Company.

A rumour prevailed at Labuan that a force of 2000 Tawi Tawi pirates were preparing to attack the island in revenge for the damage done at Ubeau by the *Duwayf*. It is most probably a groundless canard; but, in order to reassure the inhabitants, who were much alarmed, and also lest the report might possibly turn out to be well-founded, we understand that the Governor has ordered the gunboats *Gnat* and *Starling* to remain at that station for some time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It would seem that Helen McDougal, the paragon of Burke the murderer, was living in New South Wales until the other day, when she was accidentally burnt to death at Singleton. Such was the information, at all events, conveyed by telegraph from Sydney to Melbourne on August 13 last. It is stated in the message that the miserable woman was sent out many years ago to the colony in which she has at length come to a tragic end. She was tried along with Burke before the High Court of Justiciary in 1828, but escaped with a verdict of "not proven." On her liberation from prison she returned to her old haunts, and being as once recognized, was set upon and narrowly escaped death at the hands of the mob. She afterwards fled secretly for the village where Burke first found her, but she had also to flee from it, and nothing has since been heard of her until now, when this story of her death comes from the Antipodes. She must have been upwards of seventy years old when she died.

ADMIRAL WALCOTT.—The death of old Admiral Walcott opportunely illustrates the dangers of Parliamentary labors to men of his age (seventy-eight). He had wisely intended to retire after next election, and would probably have been alive now if he had abstained from re-entering Parliament in 1865. The old Admiral served at the bombardment of Copenhagen, and was enthusiastically fond of his profession. He has often spoken in the House of Commons with a tear in his eye and a quivering voice of his applications to the Admiralty for a ship, and of his "hope deferred," and wasted life on account of want of interest. He was a fine sailor of the old school—kind, warm-hearted, blunt and brave. One speech of his a good many years ago elicited a cry of "Order!" from a late Speaker, but was characteristic of the man. The late Admiral Napier—"old Charlie," as he was familiarly called—in order to ventilate some subject on naval reform, had made a motion, but could not find a second. For a moment there was silence, when Admiral Walcott, who sat on the opposite side of the House, started up and said:—"By all means, Mr. Speaker, I shall never be said that I was an old brother-in-law in distress and refused to throw him a tow-rope. I second the motion of the hon. and gallant Admiral." The Speaker looked grave, but the House applauded, and members have liked Admiral Walcott the better ever since.







Post-Office Notifications.

It is hereby notified for general information that henceforward the Postage chargeable on Book and Packets of Patterns addressed to the United States of America transmitted via the United Kingdom will be as follows, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Price. Rows include Under 4 ounces, Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, etc.

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F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Hongkong, June 18, 1868.

1. It is hereby notified for general information that the Contract between the Government of Mauritius and the Union Steamship Company, for the conveyance of Mails once a Month between Ceylon and Mauritius, and between Mauritius and Natal, having terminated, the correspondence for Mauritius will be forwarded from this Office in the Mail for Aden, from whence it will be sent to its destination by the French Mail Packets leaving Aden for Réunion and Mauritius on the 23rd of each Month.

2. No alteration has been made in the rates of Postage on correspondence addressed to Mauritius.

3. As the Good Hope is thus cut off, the correspondence for those Colonies, unless marked to be forwarded by Private Ship, will, in future, be sent in the Mails for London at the following rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Price. Rows include Newspapers via Southampton, Newspapers via Marseilles, Book Packets via Southampton, etc.

F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Hongkong, 9th September, 1868.

1.—On the 1st October next, and thenceforward Money Orders will be issued at this Office and at the Agencies thereof at Shanghai and Yokohama on all the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for amounts not exceeding £10, at the rate of Exchange Current for each Mail, and charged with Commission, according to the following Scale, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Price. Rows include For sums not exceeding £2, Above £2 and not exceeding £5, etc.

2.—No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.—Orders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange at which Money Orders are being issued at the time of their presentation.

4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.—Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient, if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers" will suffice; but the mere term Messrs., such as "Messrs. Rivington," or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Carroll Co." is inadmissible.

6.—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving or withholding the name of the Bank in such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee be unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Officer who pays the Order.

9.—Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, at some other Office than that in which the Order was originally drawn, the transfer will be granted, provided the Order be "crossed" to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn. In such case a new Order will be issued, the Commission chargeable upon the transfer will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10.—In the event of a Money Order mislaid or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee, (containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission) to the Office where the Original Order was payable.

11.—On the receipt of a similar application, orders will be given to stop payment

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of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.

12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should be renewed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the New Order.

13.—Payment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission, to be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.

15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn—for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—all claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss.

17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.—Additional Rules for greater security against fraud, and for the better working of the system generally will be made as occasion may require.

19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

By Command, F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

DOCK.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Eight call of Fifty Dollars on the new stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st March next and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors, GEORGE N. MINTO, Secretary.

FOOCHOW GRANT FLOORED DOCK.

THE above Dock has been in full working order for the last four years. Length 300 feet, width at bottom 40 feet, depth of water on the sill, springs, average 17 feet, neaps 14 feet. The Dock in ordinary Tides runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

For further particulars as to the price of coffering, &c., &c., apply to T. D. TILGHMAN, Esq., Messrs De Silver & Co., Hongkong; Messrs Boyd & Co., Shanghai; or to the Underigned.

In connection with the above is the powerful Twin Screw Tug "WOOSUNG," Vessels requiring the services of this Tug either from Makou (where a splendid anchorage will be found during the S. W. monsoon) or from the White Dogs, can obtain them at moderate rates, on application to

JOHN C. SKEY, Manager. Pagoda Anchorage, River Min.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company respectfully call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels, to their Establishment at Hongkong and Whampoa, for the DOCKING and REPAIRING of Vessels of all classes.

At Hongkong the Company have the only Dock in the harbour—a Granite Dock, solidly built, and of dimensions to admit Ships of 350 feet in length, and drawing 22 feet of water.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boiler-makers and Machinery works, and everything necessary for the Repairs of Sailing Vessels or Steamers.

The Company have also opened a Shipyard by the side of the Hongkong Dock, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company have four Docks, in which they will take Ships at reduced rates, and will also repair the Steam Tug "LITTLE ORPHAN" can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea, or berth them, at reasonable rates. For particulars, apply to JOHN INGLIS, Acting Secretary, Or to A. D. MITCHELL, Manager of Works, Company's Office, H. Kong Hotel Building, Hongkong, October 10, 1868.

Insurances.

JOEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON. Incorporated 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AGUSTINE HEARD & Co Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. ESTABLISHED 1838.

CAPITAL, £500,000. THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents in China, Messrs. AGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING. THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matelads, on Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD KARBBERG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents at Hongkong and Canton for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire and Marine Risks at current rates.

ARNOLD KARBBERG & Co. Hongkong, July 27, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. NOTICE. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged on short period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding one month, Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. ARNOLD KARBBERG & Co. Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 14, 1868.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. LIVERPOOL, LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 28, 1868.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO. THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company at the Ports of Tientsin and KEELUNG, are prepared to Grant Policies of MARINE INSURANCE at current rates.

DODD & Co. Tientsin, 10th August, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

NOTICE. IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding 1 month, Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

Insurances.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent. per annum. Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent. per annum. GILMAN & Co., Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

NOTICE. NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. FROM and after this date, the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding one month, Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. GILMAN & Co., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809, CAPITAL £2,000,000, ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,235,927, ANNUAL REVENUE £497,263.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

NOTICE. MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY. THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding 1 month, Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Agents. Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION. LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurances on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION. THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include One month, Three months, Six months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY. CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co. Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

Insurances.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY. NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding one month, Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE. BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at the current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the World.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 7, 1867.

NOTICE. THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY. THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding 1 month, Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate. MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., Agents the Queen Insurance Company. Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at current Rates.

OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

NOTICE. GUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON. ESTABLISHED 1821.

CAPITAL £2,000,000. (LIFE DEPARTMENT.) £2 per Cent per Annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds. An Assurances for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters. By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company. No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement. Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured. Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2. 10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

AGE. WITHOUT PARTICIPATION. WITH PARTICIPATION. 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60.

Table with 3 columns: Age, Without Participation, With Participation. Rows include 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60.

N.B. Intermediate ages charged proportionally. For Forms for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to ROBERT S. WALKER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, September 3, 1864.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessels or Steamers, on the usual Terms, payable in case of loss, in OPIKA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON.

ROBERT S. WALKER & Co. Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

NOTICE. ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding One Month, Above One Month and not exceeding Three Months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate of 1 per cent. ROBERT S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

Insurances.

LIFE ASSURANCE. THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue LIFE Policies for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.

ROBERT S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, January 6, 1868.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz. On any one first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein—in Hongkong, \$50,000; in Macao \$45,000.

ROBERT S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool. Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to Reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on Houses and Estates, therein contained.

In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent. The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE Insurances on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents, 1 per cent. Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents, 1 1/2 per cent. First Class China House and their Contents, 1 1/2 per cent. Other Risks as per special arrangement, ROBERT S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI. A DIVIDEND of (8 per cent.) Eight per cent. has been declared on the net Premium contributed to the above Association for the Year ending 30th September, 1867.

Policy holders will please send in particulars of their contribution to that date to the Undersigned. RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, September 8, 1868.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 1, 1866.

YANG-TZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI. THE Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai.

In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year at the close of each current year, fifteen (15) per cent of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks, at the current rates.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, July 6, 1866.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates.

RAYNAL & Co. Macao, August 4, 1866.

DE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA. SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS on the usual terms.

SEISSSEN & Co. Hongkong, August 1866.

NOTICE. NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Rate. Rows include Not exceeding one month, Above one month and not exceeding three months, etc.

Not exceeding six months, Above 6 months, The full annual rate. TURNER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 13, 1868.



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